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SUBJ: SOVIET SHORT WAVE RADIO INTERFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 306077, (B) STATE 299101

1. DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON SOVIET SHORTWAVE RADIO INTERFERENCE, REFTEL A, WAS DELIVERED BY ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 20 TO KONSTANTIN FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF, USA DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AFTER READING NOTE, FEDOSEYEV ASKED WHETHER MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAD BEEN INFORMED FOUR TIMES BY THE FCC ABOUT THE EMISSIONS. ECON COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT AND THAT THE MINISTRY HAD REPLIED TO THE FCC ON DECEMBER 3 ACKNOWLEDGING THE USSR WAS CONDUCTING "EXPERIMENTS" IN THE HIGH FREQUENCY BAND THAT THAT THIS COULD CAUSE SOME DISRUPTIONS TO U.S. OPERATIONS. THE MINISTRY'S MESSAGE STATED FURTHER THAT THE FCC COMPLAINTS WERE BEING STUDIED AND THAT ACTIONS WERE BEING TAKEN TO DECREASE THE INTERFERENCE. COUNSELOR SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE THEN, THE EMISSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN REDUCED, AS PROMISED, AND THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS A SECOND STATION IN THE MOSCOW AREA HAS STARTED  
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OPERATIONS. OUR MAIN CONCERN, HE STATED, IS THAT THE EMISSIONS ARE INTERFERING WITH RADIO OPERATIONS INVOLVING SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA AND IN THE AIR. THE PROBLEM HAS GONE ON SINCE JULY AND IT HAS APPARENTLY AFFECTED RADION COMMUNICATIONS IN OTHER NORTHERN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE U.S.

2. FEDOSEYEV PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND HE HOPED TO GIVE US A REPLY.

3. A COPY OF THE NOTE WAS SENT TO MR. YURY SAVITSKIY, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ALSO ON DECEMBER 20.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTE AS TRANSMITTED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIFFERED FROM TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL A IN ONE PLACE. SENTENCE READING, "THE SOVIET MINISTRY DID NOT RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS," WAS REVISED TO READ, "THE SOVIET MINISTRY DID NOT TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS." THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE WAS THAT ACCORDING TO REFTEL B, THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAD, IN FACT, RESPONDED TO THE FCC ON DECEMBER 3, ALBEIT UNSATISFACTORILY.  
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